value, than his own,) words him, I doubt not, a great deal from the matter[5].

FRENCH. And then his banishment:

IACH. Ay, and the approbation of those, that weep this lamentable divorce, under her colours [6]3 are wonderfully to extend him[7]; be it but to fortify her judgment, which else an easy battery might lay flat, for taking a beggar without less quality[8].

5— words him,—a great deal from the matter,] Makes the description of him very distant from the truth. JOHNSON.

[6] '— under her colours,] Under her banner; by her influence. JOHNSON.

7—and the APPROBATION of those,—ARE wonderfully to ex tend him ;] This grammatical inaccuracy is common in Shak- speare's plays. So, in Julius Caesar :

" The *posture* of your blows *are* yet unknown."

See vol. xii. p. 134, and vol. iv. p. 389. The modern editors, however, read—approbations.

Extend has here the same meaning as in a former scene. See p. 8, n. 4". MALONE.

I perceive no inaccuracy on the present occasion. " This matter of his marrying his king's daughter,"—** and then his banishment;"—" and the approbation of those," &c. '* *are* (i. e. all these circumstances united) wonderfully to extend him." STEEVENS.

8—without LESS quality.] Whenever *less* or *more* is to be joined with a verb denoting want, or a preposition of a similar import, Shakspeave never fails to be entangled in a grammatical inaccuracy, or rather, to use words that express the very contrary of what he means. In a note on Antony and Cleo^ patra, *I* have proved this incontestably, by comparing a passage similar to that in the text with the words of Plutarch on which it is formed. The passage is :

'**-----1 —condemn myself to *lack*
" The courage of a woman, *less* noble mind "Than she—." Again, in The Winter's Tale :

" .----,------1 ne'er heard yet
" That any of these bolder vices *wanted*
fe *Less* impudence, to gainsay what they did, " Than to perform it first." Again, in King Lear:

sf----------1 have hope
" You *less* know how to value her deserts '*" Than she to *scant* her duty/'